

Washington, July 24, 1951.

Dear Bill,

I am deeply sensible of the compliment this implies with respect to loyalty and intelligence. And I am grateful for the generosity of this estimate, even though in the latter respect it is probably excessive.

But I can't do it. I did not realize that the connection involves an entry on the public payroll and involves compensation from the public funds. For these reasons alone I am unable to take on the assignment.

I shall be happy to serve you in a private capacity, to the degree that this is possible, by giving you my judgment on any problem to which you think I could make a contribution. I realize that this would bar me from access of any source material, but perhaps that is best for both of us.

In view of the above I did not discuss the proposal with anyone.

Yours faithfully,

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